

**METHOD AND SYSTEM TO ACCESS SOFTWARE PERTINENT TO AN
ELECTRONIC PERIPHERAL DEVICE AT AN ADDRESS BASED ON A
PERIPHERAL DEVICE IDENTIFIER**

Abstract of the Disclosure

5 A method and system for using a peripheral device identifier obtained
from a peripheral device to determine a network address from a database, or
generate the network address based on the identifier. Information related to the
peripheral device is obtained from a remote device at the network address. The
method includes automatically transferring at least one identifier from the
10 peripheral device to a host device when the peripheral device is connected to the
host device. The step of transferring is preferably done during or after
enumeration of the peripheral device, such as occurs when a USB device is
connected to a computer. The identifier is used as an index to automatically
determine a network address from a database on the host device or a remote
15 device, or to automatically generate a network address. Then, communication
occurs between the host device and a remote device or other source of the
information indicated by the network address. For example, the host device may
download a device driver for the peripheral device from the remote device or from
another peripheral device connected to the host device indicated by the network
20 address.